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HYDROGEN FOR FUEL CELLS

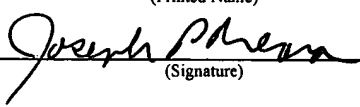
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Examiner Ridley:

This is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed on April 21, 2004. The shortened three-month statutory period for response to the Office Action will expire on July 21, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due for this filing. However, should any additional fee(s) be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, to charge any fee that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Duplicates of page 1 and the signature page are enclosed for such purpose.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: